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Mayor's Address to the City of Bethlehem



Robert Donchez, Mayor

Fall has always been one of my favorite times of year in Bethlehem. It's the transformation, not only before our eyes with the changing of the leaves, but it can also be felt in the air. It is filled with crispness, contentment, hope, and of course the anticipation of the holiday season – one that is always so special in the Christmas City.

Each season takes on its own special meaning and unique personality in Bethlehem. But it's fall, the "season of change", that often puts me in a nostalgic mood as I reflect on the summer past and as we find ourselves full steam ahead approaching a new year.

I am feeling especially nostalgic this fall. As I come to the end of my eighth year in office, I find myself reflecting on the transformation that has happened all around us. Bethlehem has been, and will continue to undergo transitions all over the city. We are a uniquely vibrant city with a proud history, and I am honored to have been part of the transformation as your Mayor the past eight years and as a member of City Council for the prior 18 years.

One of the accomplishments I am especially proud of includes improving the city's financial status. When I took office in 2014, the City had a large five year projected deficit and a BBB- bond rating. By 2017, that bond rating had improved to an A+ credit rating with a stable outlook, where it remains today. Our strong financial report was built by developing strong financial strategies. Changes were made to make Bethlehem leaner, stronger and more strategically positioned to tackle and meet the challenges of the future.

Bethlehem's improved financial condition has given us the ability to invest in many much needed, long deferred, capital projects, and infrastructure improvements. We have updated aging facilities and made security upgrades to City Hall. We are replacing our Public Works facility, which houses Grounds Maintenance and the Traffic divisions on Rodger Street. We have facilitated a new city website and a new MyBethlehemPA APP so residents and visitors can get information more quickly. We introduced new technology to improve the monitoring and optimizing of plow routes, road treatment, leaf collection, and street sweeping operations.

During my administration, the City has faced some monumental challenges and tragedy. Two historic snowfalls buried the city with over thirty inches of snow in both 2016 and 2021, straining City staff and prompting several days of round the clock plowing and snow removal. And then of course – the pandemic. The past 18 months was like nothing we have ever experienced. It certainly changed our lives forever. Emerging from the pandemic took every single one of us – from City Hall, to our community partners, to our residents – working together. Among my deepest gratitude goes to our Health Bureau who spent the past year and a half addressing COVID-19 and seamlessly organizing 70 vaccine clinics, and to date have vaccinated almost 35,000 people. Bethlehem is very fortunate to have its own health department.

As our world attempts to evolve from the pandemic, and with more people increasingly spending time outdoors, we are pleased to have invested in our parks, paths, recreation and streetscapes. Our Southside Greenway continues to grow. Friendship Park and the Rose Garden saw numerous improvements and upgrades. A feasibility study is underway



From right to left Former Mayor John Callahan, former Mayor Don Cunningham, former Mayor Ken Smith, Mayor Bob Donchez

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for a pedestrian bridge over the Lehigh River. Memorial Pool, which opened in 1957, has undergone a \$5 million reconstruction. Additionally, our Golf Course underwent much needed improvements and has posted successful seasons and set records for play in each year since these upgrades.

As the son of a detective, public safety has always been very important to me. When I took office, I began taking "Dare to Care" walks three times a year throughout the City. To date we have installed approximately 2000 smoke detectors. Additionally, I updated our public safety fleet with new rescue engines and EMS vehicles. LUCAS Devices (automatic chest compressors) were placed in all EMS vehicles and personnel were outfitted with soft body armor. One of my biggest privileges was the swearing in of Chief of Police, Michele Kott, in September 2020. She became the first female chief

in the history of the City. Her energy, dedication and passion to the department is refreshing, as she implements her Community Engagement Initiatives. And through the generous donation of "Friends of the Bethlehem Mounted Unit", a new facility was constructed to provide proper shelter, care and training space for the Mounted Unit. Finally, our K-9 Unit has expanded to four dogs.

In the Spring of 2019, as a result of a state mandate, we consolidated our 9-1-1 Center with Northampton County. Although a complex transfer, we completed the consolidation successfully, ensuring the citizens of Bethlehem continue to receive the highest level of service.

One of my goals as Mayor was to make sure we focused on community development and making Bethlehem a better place to live, work and play. The City has started a new housing inspection program that will require all rental units to be inspected on a three year rotating basis. It is well known that no city can succeed without a strong downtown, and we are fortunate to have two of them. The economic strength of our North and South Side business districts has resulted in a tremendous resurgence of growth and interest of young people living in our urban core. Since 2014, we have approved 1569 residential units in Bethlehem.

New employment opportunities continue to be added to the area through the further development of the former Bethlehem Steel site. With the bankruptcy and closure of Bethlehem Steel, the City was faced with 1800 acres of one of the largest brownfields in the United States. Today we are looking at an investment of approximately two billion dollars and over 8,000 jobs on those 1800 acres of brownfield. This land is now the home to Lehigh Valley Industrial Park VII, Majestic Bethlehem Center and an entertainment district that includes Steel Stacks, ArtsQuest, PBS 39, the

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Along with my goals and responsibilities, comes a dedication to the environment. The City has enhanced our pledge to a sustainable future and to a reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions. We laid out an ambitious Climate Action Plan committing to environmental justice and climate change mitigation.

Finally, I have always been proud of our history, and have made a strong commitment to honor our heritage. Therefore, I am thrilled that Historic Moravian Bethlehem, currently a National Historic Landmark District, is being considered for World Heritage Designation, one of only 24 sites in the United States.

During the course of the last eight years as your Mayor, I have taken pride in honoring the history of our city and the spirit of the workers that came before us, as we worked together to shape the future of this great City. Our entrepreneurial spirit, in combination with our world class institutions of higher education, cutting edge health networks, progressive public school district, dynamic downtowns and recreational opportunities, will certainly lead the City of Bethlehem into a vibrant future – one that will continue to attract businesses and investors to our City. One thing is certain – the future is very bright and Bethlehem will continue to be the jewel of the Lehigh Valley.

It has been an honor being your Mayor!

2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

All Council Meetings begin at 7 p.m., unless otherwise specified.

- October 5th and October 19th
- * November 3rd and November 16th
- December 7th and December 21st
- * Wednesday, November 3rd - due to November 2nd (General Election Day)

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Adam R. Waldron, *President of Council*

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| Bryan G. Callahan | Michael G. Colón, |
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Sign Posting Do's and Don'ts in the City of Bethlehem

Political signs have long been used as a way to show support for chosen candidates and causes. As the upcoming November Election approaches, the following is a reminder of the rules and regulations of City Ordinance 701, Zoning Article 1320 and PENNDOT, regarding sign postings in the City of Bethlehem.

Temporary signs announcing a campaign, drive, or event of a civic, philanthropic, educational, or religious organization shall not exceed 32-square feet in area and shall be removed immediately upon completion of the campaign, drive, or event.

No person shall post, stick, stamp, paint or otherwise fix, or cause the same to be done by any person, any notice, placard, bill, card, poster, advertisement or other paper or device calculated to attract the attention of the public to or upon any sidewalk, crosswalk, curb or curbstone, flagstone or any other portion or part of any public way or public place, or any lamppost, electric light, telegraph or telephone pole, railway structure, hydrant, shade tree or tree-box, or upon the piers, columns, trusses, girders, railings, gates or other parts of any public bridge or viaduct or other public structure or building, or

upon any pole, box or fixture of the fire alarm or police telegraph system, or any vehicle, not the property of the person posting, except such as may be authorized or required by the laws of the United States or the State, and the ordinances, rules and regulations of the City.

Any person who violates any provision of this Article shall be subject to the following penalties: First violation - A fine of \$100 or 30 days imprisonment, or both; Second violation - A fine of \$300 or 60 days imprisonment, or both; Third and each subsequent violation - A fine of \$600 or 90 days imprisonment, or both.

Campaign signs must be located at least 10 feet away from the entrance of a polling location on Election Day. The signs are prohibited from being nailed, stapled or otherwise attached to utility poles, fire hydrants, fences or trees. Election signs cannot be placed in the street right-of-way. PENNDOT is required to remove signs along area roads and highways. Violators could face up to a \$500 fine.

BETHLEHEM SERVICE CENTER

The Bethlehem Service Center is available for residents to contact for non-emergencies 24-hours a day, 7-days a week, and 365-days a year.

There are four ways to contact the Bethlehem Service Center for non-emergencies:

- ✓ **(610) 865-7000:** can be reached by house phone line or by cell phone. This will dial directly into the BSC for non-emergency questions/city inquiries or city services.
- ✓ **Bethlehem Service Center App:** available to download for most cell phones and tablets on either the Play Store or the App Store on your device and search for "Bethlehem Service Center" or "City of Bethlehem" under Apps.
- ✓ **E-Mail:** The BSC can also be reached at the following e-mail address - bethlehemservicecenter@bethlehem-pa.gov
- ✓ **City of Bethlehem Web Page:** By submitting a service request through the City of Bethlehem's "MY ACCOUNT" Portal.

Examples of "non-emergency" customer service: dirty water, pot holes that need to be repaired, etc. The BSC will also provide assistance to any City of Bethlehem residents that may have questions or concerns that need to be addressed.

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Bethlehem Area School District

A message to the Bethlehem Community,

This summer the Bethlehem Area School District offered FREE programs at all our schools which were made possible through our COVID relief funds from the Federal Government. We watched as over 1,000 students attended and had fun while learning. We are proud of our BASD students, their families, our staff, and our community. We are excited about the upcoming 2021-2022 school year.

It is through the community that we are building our next generation of Bethlehem Community members #BuildingBethlehem. We are proud of our BASD students who have gone on to do amazing things in the community. Some students have even gone on to become Mayor - #BuiltbyBethlehem.

We look forward to an amazing 2021-2022 school year. Thank you for all your support.

Dr. Joseph J. Roy, Superintendent of the Bethlehem Area School District

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Fire Department

The Bethlehem Fire Department just recently put into service two new vehicles, a Command Vehicle and a Fire Investigator Vehicle. The new fire investigator vehicle will allow our Fire Marshal the ability of arriving to the scene with metering and photography equipment that in the past had to be special requested from one of our stations. Later in the year the department expects the delivery of Engine #3. The new Pierce fire engine will replace the 20 year old Engine #3.



School Fire Drills

The Bethlehem Fire Department will conduct school or daycare fire drills between the hours of 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday - Friday, excluding holidays.

To schedule a school or daycare fire drill contact: **Captain K Landis**, (610) 865-8561 or email klandis@bethlehem-pa.gov

(left) Bethlehem Firefighters from Memorial Fire Station talking fire safety to children at Spring Garden Elementary



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Police Department

Citizen Police Academy

Have Questions About the Police Department?

- *Have you ever wondered how the Police perform their different duties?*
- *Have you ever wanted to talk to a Police Officer about his or her experience as a Law Enforcement Officer in your community?*
- *How do you become a Police Officer and what does it take?*
- *What training does an Officer have to go through?*
- *Have questions on the size of the Department or how many calls for service or arrests?*

If you are interested in the answers to these questions and would like to know more, you should consider attending the next City of Bethlehem Citizen's Police Academy.



What is a Citizens Police Academy?

It's an opportunity for you to meet the Police Officers, Communication Specialists, and other members of the Police Department who protect and serve our City. The intent of the Citizen's Police Academy is not to train citizens to become Police Officers. Rather, it's the opportunity to see firsthand the duties and responsibilities of Law Enforcement Officers.

Learn about the Hiring Process, Juvenile Law, Use of Force Issues, Officer Safety, Patrol Procedures, Criminal Investigations, Traffic Collision Investigations, Vice Investigations, Crime Scene Investigations, Firearms and Defensive Tactics Training, Community Policing, K-9 and Mounted Operations, and much more. The K-9 Unit, Mounted Unit and Bicycle Unit will give demonstrations to the class.

Who Will Teach the Classes?

Police Officers who possess a wide variety of skills, training and experience will provide the instruction, Citizens will have the opportunity to ask questions, discuss issues, and participate in some of the things Officers do as part of their jobs.

Goal of the Citizens Police Academy

The goal of the Citizen's Police Academy is to enhance the relationship between the Police Department and the Community, resulting in a better understanding of what the Community can expect from the officers who serve them and the service they can provide.

How Do I Sign Up for the Academy?

If the Citizen's Police Academy sounds interesting to you, please contact Sgt. Blake Kuntz #377 at bkuntz@bethlehem-pa.gov or (610)419-9187 for more information and an application.



Cops n' Kids Summer Reading Program

The Police Department completed their Cops n' Kids Summer Reading Program at the Cops n' Kids Reading Room located in the Northampton Community College Fowler Center. The Program ran the entire summer and featured many readings with various officers, cooking with Chief Kott, and all sorts of activities. Each child who attended got five free books and a variety of other fun items. Special thanks to Director Beverly Bradley for allowing us to partner in this special program to enhance the relationship between the children in our community and the police officers of the City of Bethlehem.



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Police Department *continued*



International Police Mountain Bike Association

The department plans to train an additional twelve patrol officers through the International Police Mountain Bike Association (IPMBA) Police Cyclist certification course during the month of September. With this class, the police department will be furthering their ongoing efforts to put more police officers in our community through daily face-to-face contact from police mountain bike patrols. Mountain bike patrols give our officers the mobility to respond to calls for service and inconspicuously investigate complaints of criminal activity while remaining more approachable outside of the patrol car. Another advantage of the certification course and increased bike patrols is the education and enforcement of pedalcycle laws to promote safe cycling by our citizens throughout the City.



Emergency Medical Services

Bethlehem EMS Passes State Licensure Inspection

City of Bethlehem EMS recently took ownership of two 2021 Ford E-350 ambulances purchased from VCI Emergency Vehicle Specialists in Berlin, New Jersey. They were purchased for \$179,500 a piece using funds from 2020 CARES Act grants from Northampton and Lehigh Counties. They replace a 2011 ambulance with more than 120,000 miles, and a 2012 ambulance with more than 115,000 miles.

One vehicle will be housed at the Stefko Blvd EMS Station and the other at the Dewberry Ave EMS Station.

Bethlehem EMS responds to greater than 12,000 per year, providing emergency Basic and Advanced Life Support to residents of the City of Bethlehem.



Health

Donation of AEDs for our City Pools

St. Luke's University Health Network recently donated five automatic defibrillators (AEDs) to be used at our City pools. This life saving donation was made possible in part by a grant funded by the Greg Moyer Fund. We are so thankful for our partnership with St. Luke's and appreciate this donation to help save the lives our pool patrons!



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Department of Community & Economic Development

Healthy Neighbor Tips

Keeping The Christmas City A Quality Community Begins With You

Well-maintained homes are essential components of a healthy community. Preserving our housing stock, maintaining property values, and ensuring our properties are healthy and safe benefits not only individual property owners and tenants, but also the community at large.

Being a Good Neighbor

We all want to live in a strong, safe and sustainable community. By sharing your time, talent and resources, you are making your neighborhood a desirable place to live, work, raise a family, and feel safe. Use the information provided below to involve your family, neighbors, and friends in the process of educating them with tips, suggestions, and reminders of what it takes to be a good neighbor.

- Keep your home properly identified for emergency situations
- Keep your yard groomed on a regular basis
- Keep sidewalks free of obstructions such as bushes growing into the sidewalk path, tree limbs hanging lower than seven feet, and vehicles

- Don't let weeds or grassy areas exceed regulated height
- Clean up after your pets
- Keep noise level to a minimum
- Park vehicles on the street or in your driveway, not on the sidewalk or lawn
- Property is free of outdoor storage of inoperable, unlicensed, dismantled or extensively damaged cars
- Property is free of trailers, campers, boats or motor vehicles parked or stored in front yards.
- Dispose of excess trash and debris
- Clean rain gutters annually
- Prevent standing water which attracts and breeds mosquitoes
- Remove Christmas lights when the holiday is over

It's easy to spread goodwill by offering to help a neighbor do the same. Something as simple as bringing in the trash cans for an elderly or sick neighbor is an expression of good will. Reaching out to those close to you can be a benefit to the whole block.



Residential and Business Finance Programs

Residents and businesses in the City are encouraged to apply for a number grant and or loan programs. Business improvement finance opportunities include:

Bethlehem Small Business Loan Fund – Administered by Rising Tide, these loans can be used for acquisition, construction, renovations, and equipment purchases. Funds range from \$25,000 to \$100,000 and job creation is a requirement. <https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Community-Economic-Development/Economic-Development-Start-a-Business/Business-Resources>

Exterior Building Improvement Loan Fund – Administered by the City, this loan fund is designed to properly correct building exterior deficiencies, code violations, and or overall improvements to a commercial property. Grants up to \$20,000 are available for accessibility projects and or up to \$60,000 for other improvements.

<https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Community-Economic-Development/Economic-Development-Start-a-Business/Business-Resources>

Commercial Lease Subsidy Program – Administered by Community Action Development Corporation of Bethlehem (CADCB), this is a recently introduced pilot program, created

to help reduce storefront vacancies in the Northside 2027 neighborhood. This program provides grant subsidies to pay a business's monthly lease or mortgage to help create a sense of stability. UP to \$1,500 per month for up to 3 months is available through this subsidy program. <https://www.northside2027.org/services-minimalist>

Commercial Façade Program – Administered by the City, this loan fund program assists commercial properties improve exterior building façade. Up to \$5,000/property is available with a dollar-for-dollar match by the business or property owner. <https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Community-Economic-Development/Economic-Development-Start-a-Business/Facade-Grants>

Resident finance opportunities include:

Bethlehem Homebuyer Assistance Program (BHAP) – Administered by the City in partnership with CACLV, this loan forgiveness program assists with down payment and closing costs for eligible homebuyers. The BHAP loan is structured as a deferred payment loan with a 0% interest rate with a gradual forgiveness over a 10-year period. <https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Community-Economic-Development/Community-Development/Housing>

Housing Rehabilitation – Administered by the City the

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Residential and Business Finance Programs *continued*

Housing Rehabilitation Program provides grant and loan assistance to owner-occupied homes for interior and exterior improvements. Priority rehab activities include immediate compliance with code requirements, weatherization improvements and lead paint remediation. Program eligibility is based on household income. <https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Community-Economic-Development/Community-Development/Housing>

Façade Program - Administered by CADCB in partnership with the City, this Façade Program is focused on two priority neighborhoods: Northside 2027 and Southside Vision. Historic Façade Improvement Program – Administered by the City in partnership with Northampton County, these funds can be used for a variety of restoration/ preservation projects. Examples of projects may include installing historically appropriate doors and windows, front porch railings and posts, painting, and masonry repointing, to name a few. This grant program will fund up to \$20,000 for façade improvement projects with no match required. Priority is given to households that are 80% AMI or below. <https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Community-Economic-Development/Community-Development/Housing>

Rental Assistance – Administered by New Bethany Ministries in partnership with the City of Bethlehem, CARES

Act funds are used to provide short term rental assistance to residents through the Eviction Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program. Funds can be used to pay for rental subsidies and rent arrears, security deposits, utilities and or housing locator and other housing services.

<https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Community-Economic-Development/Community-Development/Housing>

CDBG 2022 Applications to be Announced

Annually the City receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The City will be requesting funding applications from the region's social service and non-profit entities this November. In the interim the 2022 Annual Action Plan will begin with engagement activities including focus group and public meetings. The Plan summarizes the programs and activities that are to be undertaken during the 2022 program year. Proposed activities are evaluated and selected based on national and community development objectives and City priorities identified in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. You are encouraged to review 2021 Action Plan to better understand the planning process and report contents. [https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Community-Economic-Development/Community-Development/CDBG-HOME-\(1\)](https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Community-Economic-Development/Community-Development/CDBG-HOME-(1))

Bethlehem Food Co-Op: Bringing a community-owned grocery store to 250 E. Broad Street.

by Carol Burns

In July, Representative Susan Wild (PA-07) announced the awarding of a \$2.9 million grant to the City of Bethlehem, in support of the Bethlehem Food Co-Op's plans to bring a community-owned grocery store to 250 E. Broad St.

The co-op announced its location in March and is working with Peron Development and Boyle Construction to open the store in late 2022. The full-service grocery store will be open to all shoppers, and will anchor the ground floor of a new multi-use building at the site.

In October 2011, city resident Jaime Karpovich was in the midst of preparing a recipe when she realized she needed a red pepper. By the time she left her home in downtown Bethlehem to drive to and from the nearest supermarket to purchase the pepper, 40 minutes had passed. Jaime took her lament to Facebook, where she found no shortage of empathetic friends.

Cathy Reuscher was one of those folks who commented on Jaime's post, asking if anyone would be interested in starting a food co-op like she had been part of in Pittsburgh and Buffalo. Within hours, a meeting was in the works.

Just after Thanksgiving in 2011, a group of about 100 interested community members overflowed a public library meeting room, enthusiastic about the prospect of a grocery store in their neighborhood. Armed with the "How to Start a Food Co-Op" manual, Jaime, Cathy and their friend Summre Patricella led the agenda, which culminated in the group voting to move forward with the goal of opening a community-owned grocery store.

After an active year of research and planning, 2013 started out with a bang for the Bethlehem Food Co-Op as incorporation papers were filed and it became "legit." The years since have been filled with steady growth and achievements, bolstered by national organizations that specifically work to support start-ups like Bethlehem's.



The existing structure at 250 E. Broad St. will be demolished, and a four-story multi-use building erected in its place. The co-op will anchor the ground floor, with residential units above it.

Bethlehem Food Co-Op *continued*

At this point in the early fall of 2021, the co-op is fasting approaching 1000 household and organizational members. Working with their project manager, Simplified Business Solutions, and store designer, Seven Roots, they are working with Peron and Boyle on the store's layout and interior design.

The proposed grocery store will not be just any grocery store, however. The focus will be on sourcing the store's inventory from as many local producers as possible. "This will help us keep dollars in our area, supporting our local economy, and increase our resiliency should interruptions in the food chain occur again," said Kelly Allen, outgoing Board chair. "It will provide well-paying jobs, and bring healthy, fresh food to our neighbors."

"The co-op will fill an urgent need for neighbors experiencing limited food access," he continued. "Our site is between two bus stops, and can be easily accessed by foot or bike. We will also have designated parking for our shoppers."

Plans call for the store to offer SNAP, WIC and other food assistance programs, and a "staples" area will sell basic items at, or slightly above retail cost to make them more affordable. Per the co-op's mission to emphasize sustainable systems, priority will be placed on environmentally-friendly solutions for the store design and operations.

The store will also feature a community meeting room and a demonstration kitchen, which can be used for classes as well as prepping grab-n-go meals. "We really want the co-op to be a community hub, a place where neighbors will gather for more than just their weekly shopping," said Allen.

Of the grant to the City, he noted, "We are very excited to be on the list of recipients, and are extremely grateful to Rep. Wild and her staff, and to the Mayor and staff of City Hall who supported this request for funding."

The co-op's mission encourages physical, social, and economic health by providing healthful, affordable food; emphasizes local, sustainable, humane and natural food systems; and offers unique educational opportunities to the entire community.

For more information: bethlehemfood.coop.



Artist's conceptual rendering of the Bethlehem Food Co-Op store at 250 E. Broad St. (credit: Elliot Nolter)

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2021 CITY OF BETHLEHEM REAL ESTATE TAX BILLS

All 2021 property taxes unpaid as of **December 31, 2021** will be turned over to a collection agency.

2022 CITY OF BETHLEHEM REAL ESTATE TAX BILLS

Property tax bills are mailed out in early January. Please note as per Pennsylvania tax collection law Section 7. Effect of Failure to Receive a Tax Notice (Purdon's Statute 72, Section 5511.7) **Failure to receive notice shall not relieve any taxpayer from the payment of any taxes imposed by any taxing district, and such taxpayer shall be charged with his taxes as though he had received notice.** Therefore, if you did not receive your real estate tax bill by the end of January, please contact the City of Bethlehem Tax Bureau at (610) 865-7022 to request a duplicate copy.

Escrow Accounts

If your mortgage company or bank pays your taxes through an escrow account, it is your responsibility to make sure that your mortgage company receives the bill. You are ultimately responsible for any late payment penalties added to your bill, even if your account is paid through an escrow account. Make sure your lender has the correct information to avoid unwanted penalties!



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Special Events in the City of Bethlehem

Bethlehem has gained the reputation as one of the largest festival cities in Pennsylvania, hosting over 150 events each year. In order to help these events run as smoothly as possible the City has created a team with members from all essential departments. This team hosts a monthly meeting for event organizers and vendors alike to come to Town Hall and ask questions or get direction for their ideas and plans. The Special Activities Meeting (S.A.M) is held the second Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m., in the city's Town Hall.

Can't make the meeting time, but are planning to host an event either public or private and are serving food and/or beverages to the public or are using any City services?

Contact Judith Stiles in the Recreation Department at (610) 865-7081 to collect the needed paper work.

The Special Event application can be picked up in person

at the City of Bethlehem Recreation Department or on the website, www.bethlehem-pa.gov/permits. Additional permits and licenses may be necessary depending on the details of your event.

Vendor frequently asked question.

Looking to vend at an event in the City? All vendors for any event must submit a vendor application no less than two weeks prior to the event. Vendors may be required to submit a site plan and Certificate of Insurance depending on location and event. Vendor applications can be found online www.bethlehem-pa.gov/permits, from the event organizer or in person at the Recreation Department. In order to be approved by the City of Bethlehem several departments will review the application and contact the vendor and organizer with any further information needed.

Downtown Business Association - getdowntownbethlehem.com

HarvestFest – October 2

This year, a Wine and Soup Trail will take place in our shops and restaurants in the Historic District and a Beer Trail will occur at the south end of Main Street. 300 passports will be available for purchase for the Soup Trail and 300 for the Wine Trail. 500 passports will be available for the Beer trail. The Scarecrow Showdown, entertainment, axe throwing, grab & go items, additional street vendors, sidewalk sales, and more will all be included in this festive Fall event.

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Christmas in the Historic Downtown, November 11 – December 26

Gingerbread Games

While our merchants hold their annual window decorating competition, the rest of us can celebrate the season with the all-new Gingerbread Games sponsored by Fab Lab. Purchase your 2-foot Gingerbread Friend and decorate it for the season. Gingerbread friends will be displayed throughout the area where Christmas Huts on Main will be taking place, and down the pathway leading into Christmas in the Quarter, at the Historic

Colonial Industrial Quarter. Gingerbread Friends will be on display from December 1st through the 22nd.

Christmas Huts on Main

This year our Christmas Huts will run for 7 weeks. Thursday through Sundays starting in November. FOR MORE INFO: <https://getdowntownbethlehem.com/get-christmas/>

Window Decorating Competition

"Get Downtown" and "Get in the Spirit" as you walk along Main St. and Broad St. for this year's Historic Downtown Bethlehem Window Decorating Competition. Voting will be starting November 28th. Visit your favorite window and scan the QR code to vote. The winning window will be announced on Saturday, December 19th, on our Heart of Bethlehem Facebook page.

Selfie with an Elfie

From November 28th through December 25th, take a selfie with the Elfie, and upload to our Heart of Bethlehem social media pages for a chance to WIN! NO PURCHASE NECESSARY! Use hashtag #SelfieWithAnElfie for a chance to win a Downtown Bethlehem Gift Certificate.



Twelve Days of Giveaways

From December 1st through the 12th, the Downtown Bethlehem Association will be giving away presents from local businesses and organizations. Winners and daily prizes are chosen at random. No purchase to enter. Check the Heart of Bethlehem Facebook page and website daily for winners.



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Downtown Business Association *continued*

Small Business Saturday November 27 Live Advent Door

Get in the Spirit with the Historic Bethlehem Live Advent Calendar, the ONLY one of its kind in the country. The calendar will kick off its 16th year on December 1st and will take place nightly at 5:30 p.m. until December 23rd.

Clash of the Carols December 4, 8, 18

Various voice classes will compete each weekend to become a Clash of the Carols semi-finalist. All choirs who do not move through to the finale, will have a chance to come back by winning the WILD CARD. All choirs' performances will be recorded and broadcasted on our GetDowntownBethlehem.com website. FOR MORE INFO: <https://getdowntownbethlehem.com/get-christmas/clash-of-the-carols/>

Holiday Cocktail Trails November 13 & 20

Participants buy a passport online, pick up their passport and map, and stroll along from business to business while enjoying the downtown at Christmas-time. Each business has a special holiday drink to sample while visiting each location. 600 passports available each date – 1,200 passports total. FOR MORE INFO: <https://getdowntownbethlehem.com/get-christmas/holiday-cocktail-trail/>

Santa's Haus

Free pictures with Santa will take place in-person at Brownstone Design. Children may come to the window for photos with Santa and may drop off their letters to



him in our mailbox out front of Brownstone Design. Santa will be coming to town from 1– 5 p.m., on November 27th, December 4th, 11th, and 18th.

Soup Saunter – December 26, 2021

Stroll down the streets of Historic Downtown Bethlehem and enjoy tasty soup samples from some of your favorite restaurants. After completion of sampling – vote for your favorites. Reserve your voters pass today! FOR MORE INFO: <https://getdowntownbethlehem.com/get-the-events/>

Chocolate Trial – February 5 & 12, 2022

On Saturday, February 5th AND Saturday, February 12th, visit Historic Downtown Bethlehem for a “choco”-lot of fun during our annual Chocolate Trail. For \$30, your passport is your ticket to be carried away into chocolate bliss by our participating merchants.

Beth-Lum-go-Bragh March 14 – 20, 2022

In partnership with Celtic Cultural Alliance we're painting the Downtown GREEN in celebration of St. Patrick's Day! Join us for Celtic-inspired music, entertainment, food, cocktail to-go trails, Irish Elves, with a scavenger hunt to complete the lineup for this festive event! Get your green on and Get Downtown! FOR MORE INFO: <https://getdowntownbethlehem.com/get-the-events/>

Tails & Sales April 16th, 2022

Your furry friends are always welcome in the Historic District, especially for during Tails & Sales. This event is filled with cocktail trails, sales and so much more, from your favorite downtown merchants. Costume competitions and even a virtual dog run will complete this exciting event.

SouthSide Arts District - southsideartsdistrict.com

The SouthSide Arts District is Bethlehem's home for art, entertainment, shopping and dining. From our unique boutiques, fantastic restaurants to special events, and public art, the SouthSide Arts District is one of the most eclectic places to live, work and play. Whether you're looking for fashion-forward threads, strong, vibrant signature pieces for your home, a delicious meal or a slice of history; the SouthSide Arts District is truly the Art & Soul of Bethlehem. An initiative of the Bethlehem Economic Development Corporation, the SouthSide Arts District is committed to creating an economically thriving South Bethlehem Business District. For more information about our merchants, events and opportunities please visit www.southsideartsdistrict.com

Discover the SouthSide's Urban Arts Trail southsideartsdistrict.com/urban-arts-trail/

The SouthSide's Urban Arts Trail is a 2.75 mile-long path throughout the business district leading followers to all our public artworks. Artists from across the world and right here in the Lehigh Valley have made the SouthSide their canvas, and now we are thrilled to invite you to explore our downtown and community gallery.

SouthSide Fall & Christmas Events

Fall Restaurant & Retail Week - October 18 - 24

Indulge your taste buds, and explore our variety of retailers including clothing stores, boutiques and specialty shops.. Explore a world of cuisines right in your own backyard, and join us for this celebration of small businesses in the SouthSide.

Trick or Treat in the Shops - October 30

Each trick or treater will get their own custom map and enter designated businesses for candy. Arts and crafts will be available at Color Me Mine, along with a spooky story time. Signups available online at www.southsideartsdistrict.com

First Friday - Kick Off of Veg Week & Food Drive November 5

Special Music Guests: The Billy Bauer Band, Stacy Gabel, Ralph Pagano, Claudia & Liliana, and Carter Lansing of Acoustic Kitty Project

SouthSide's First Ever "Veg Week" and food drive. Educational speakers, live music, and tastings will be offered throughout the evening, including a Food Drive to Second Harvest, Hispanic Center Lehigh Valley and New Bethany Ministries all week long

SouthSide Veg Week November 5 – November 14

Veg Restaurant Week - a week-long celebration filled with specialty vegetarian menus and more. Each evening, one restaurant will host a special event including a "Chopped" inspired food competition, educational speakers, and tastings in addition to their Veg Week Menu.

Christmas Decorating & Community Clean Up - November 13

Join us for a Clean Up & Decorating Morning in the SouthSide on Saturday, November 13th from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Volunteers will get a T-shirt for their hard work. And we ask that everyone please wear their masks. We need volunteers for the following jobs: Clean the Greenway, Place Christmas Decorations in Flower Pots, Resoil and pulling

weeds. Volunteers do not need to be there all three hours. We will provide gloves, trash bags, bottled waters, paint, paint brushes, soil and plants. We just need you.

SouthSide Christmas Tree Trail Lighting November 27

Special Music Guests: The Swingtime Dolls, Tea for Two, Leah Fuls, and Doug Kaetz

Join us on Small Business Saturday, November 27th at 4:30pm for the kick off of the holiday season in South Bethlehem. The Christmas Tree Trail is back for shoppers, offering a trail throughout the Downtown featuring 15 vibrantly decorated Christmas Trees. Guests can select their favorite tree on our website for a chance to win a \$100 gift card to the SouthSide business of their choice AND the merchant winner of the Christmas Tree Trail! Winners will be selected Saturday, December 18th.

First Friday - A Very Merry First Friday - December 3

Special Music Guests: Not for Coltrane, Chelsea Lyn Meyer, The SwingTime Dolls and Eighteenth Hour

Help us help our community in need. Bring an unwrapped toy for a local child in need and you'll be entered to win a \$50 gift card to the SouthSide merchant of your choice. Who knows.... maybe Santa will be there.

Naughty or Nice Cocktail & Cookies Crawl - December 4, 11, 18

Special Music Guests: (12/4)Ginger and the Schnappes, Leah Fuls, The Reconnect, (12/11) The Wonton Soups, Two for Tea, Chelsea Lyn Meyer, Doug Kaetz, (12/18) The Swingtime Dolls, Ralph Pagano, Pentley Holmes, and Doug Kaetz

Join us December 4th, 11th or 18th, whether you're Naughty or Nice! The crawl features 10 different sample sized holiday themed cocktails & treats, along with holiday shopping deals & food specials. What to expect: Pumpkin Martinis, Spiked Eggnog, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Pop Up Vendors, Carolers, and be on the lookout for Santa & his Elf.



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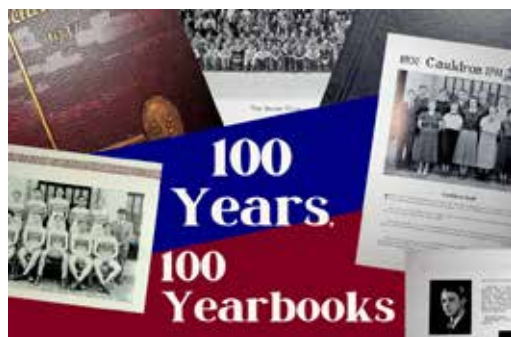
In celebration of Liberty High School's 100th graduating class in 2022, the Bethlehem Area Public Library is launching a digital archive of LHS Yearbooks.



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- A digital archive of 100 years of the LHS yearbook, *The Cauldron*
- A timeline of Bethlehem's history
- A digital collection of postcards of Bethlehem's past
- A list of upcoming events to celebrate this important year in the history of our city



GET YOUR LIBRARY CARD ONLINE

Don't have a card yet? Simply fill out the form at bapl.org/online-library-card/ to receive access to the library's online resources! Email circ@bapl.org with account questions.

Locations & Hours

Main Library

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Thurs. & Fri. 9AM – 6PM
Sat. 10AM – 5PM
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South Side Branch

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RECREATION



UPCOMING FALL/WINTER EVENTS *hosted by the City of Bethlehem's Recreation Department*

100th Annual Bethlehem The "Parade of the Century"

The 100th Annual Bethlehem Halloween Parade will be held on Sunday, October 31st at 2 p.m. The rain date, if needed, will be Sunday, November 7th at 2 p.m. The parade route begins on West Broad St at 9th Ave and continues east to Main Street and then south on Main to Spring Street. The "Parade of the Century" will continue with its tradition of welcoming local schools, officials, community groups, marching bands, businesses, etc. to celebrate the Halloween season with us. In addition to our traditional divisions, we will be kicking off the parade with a tribute to our health care workers featuring our own Bethlehem Health Bureau as well as Lehigh Valley and St. Luke's University Health Networks.

Our last division will feature entries that are sharing 100-year anniversaries with us, including the Hotel Bethlehem, Liberty High and Nitschmann Middle Schools.

*If you are interested in participating, please visit:
<https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Events/Recreation-Events/City-of-Bethlehem-100th-Annual-Halloween-Parade>*

Or scan the code at right and complete the online registration form.

Registrations are due by Friday, October 22nd at 3 p.m.

Late submissions WILL NOT be accepted!



Trick or Treat

City of Bethlehem's Annual Trick or Treat Night will be held on Friday, October 29th from 6-8 p.m. Please remember to turn your porch light on if you plan to participate.

Winter Adult Basketball League

After a one year hiatus, we are excited to announce that our adult winter adult basketball league is back and will kick off during the last week of November. The league will be an 8-10 week regular season and will include a playoff format in February. The games will be held at Nitschmann Middle School and will start at 6:30 p.m. The entry fee is \$200 per team plus the referee fees. Roster submission will be due by November 15th. For more information, please visit, <https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Recreation/Recreation-Activities/Adult-Basketball>

The Earl E. Schaffer Bethlehem Municipal Ice Rink

The Earl E. Schaffer Bethlehem Municipal Ice Rink, the Lehigh Valley's only outdoor Olympic size rink, is located at 345 Illick's Mill Road (Across from Memorial Pool). We offer private rink rental, public skate sessions, skating lessons and more. Season passes and gift certificates are available. The rink will open Friday, November 12th for public skate sessions. For more information about our ice rink programming please visit: <https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Recreation/Recreation-Activities/Ice-Rink>


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Public Works

Leaf Collection Reminders

The City ordinance requires that only leaves may be placed in the street during the leaf collection season of early November through December 25th.

City Ordinance prohibits placement of any debris including leaves, branches in the street, but an exception for leaves is made during the leaf pick-up season (mid October through December 25th). Each area of the City typically gets at least one scheduled and one unscheduled pick-up during that time. You can of course bag leaves (using Brown Earth bags) and call the City at (610) 865-7053 for pick-up anytime during the year. You can also find additional information on our website at www.bethlehem-pa.gov/public_works.

Any placement of leaves in the street before or after this period may be subject to penalties in accordance with Article 721 of the Codified Ordinance of the City of Bethlehem.

Prior to the start of the leaf collection season our resources are still devoted to many other functions such as street repairs, street paving, street sweeping, storm sewer maintenance, etc. and our

leaf collection equipment (leaf loaders) are not in service. After the leaf collection season, starting approximately in the middle of December our resources and focus must be shifted to snow and ice operations. Placement of leaves prior to the start of the leaf collection season and after the last scheduled pick-up date results in unsightly streetscapes and potential safety hazards. Placement of leaves in the street before the middle of October and after December 25th may be subject to fines and penalties in accordance with Article 721 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bethlehem.

The Leaf Collection schedule can be found on the city's website at www.bethlehem-pa.gov. Once on the home screen, click on Departments and then click on Public Works.

On this schedule you will find a set of leaf collection guidelines that must be followed to ensure the collection process runs as efficiently as possible.

You can also visit our Facebook page at Department of Public Works, Bethlehem PA., where you can also find a copy of the schedule.

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Public Works



Snow emergencies, when declared by the Mayor, are announced on our website at www.bethlehem-pa.gov, 69 WFMZ News, Twitter, and our Facebook page at Department of Public Works, Bethlehem PA.

During a snow emergency vehicles must be removed from snow designated routes so that snow can be cleared curb to curb and parking areas restored in a timely and safe manner.

When a snow emergency is declared the Parking

Authority will allow free parking in all the downtown parking garages. The vehicles must be removed once the snow emergency has been lifted. Once a snow emergency has been lifted that will also be announced on the City's website as well as our Facebook page and local media.

The snow emergency routes can be found on the city's website at www.bethlehem-pa.gov. Once on the home screen click on Department and then click on Public Works.

How Do Our Trees Survive in the Winter? A Dormant State

As fall comes to end and winter is fast approaching, the beautiful leaves will be shed from the trees of Bethlehem in preparation for a process that is much similar to animals hibernating. In order to survive the cold winter months, trees must go in to dormancy or a dormant state. In dormancy, trees will slow down all their processes such as their metabolism, energy consumption, and growth.

Not all trees hibernate in the same way though. There are two types of trees in the northern climates called deciduous and coniferous trees. Deciduous trees are all the trees along the streets in the city that will lose their leaves in the winter. On the other hand, coniferous trees have needles and keep them all year round. All these trees have made adaptations to survive the cold.


The first thing that protects our coniferous trees in Bethlehem from the cold is their bark. The bark that we see on the outside is filled with air spaces and works as an insulation for the inner

bark of the tree. The second process we see are the leaves being shed from the trees. This process is done so that no leaves can waste water through their process of transpiration. With the ground being frozen, no water can be taken up from the roots therefore there is no water for the leaves. Trees will also prepare for dormancy during the fall by stopping growth all together. The tree will stop consuming as much energy, slow down their internal processes, and stop growing all in order to conserve energy to stay alive. Lastly, the trees will fight the cold by making antifreeze proteins that will not allow ice to form and potentially damage the tree or its cells. There is a lot more going on under the surface of the trees than what we see in the city during the cold months. As we see a beautiful show of colorful leaves in the fall, the tree is preparing to fight and survive in the winter.



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Gretchen Heber

Bethlehem Parking Authority

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of touch screen kiosks, text to pay, and multiple forms of credentials to enter and exit. Come visit one of our garages today.

We've added multiple Electric Vehicle Charging Stations to our parking system. If you have an electric vehicle, you can find these stations at all our Parking Garages and also the Broad Street and Old York Road Lots.

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Lead Service Line Replacement

The City of Bethlehem was awarded a \$2.8 million grant from the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority “PennVest” to fund replacement of lead service lines in the City’s drinking water distribution system. Lead was commonly used as a pipe material in the 1920’s and 1930’s and many of these pipes remain in use. These service lines are the pipes that tap off the water main in the street to supply water to homes and businesses. Pennsylvania and the federal government have made it a priority to remove lead from drinking water systems. The grant will help the city replace approximately 250 lead service lines. The work will include replacement of the entire service line from the water main to the building foundation.

The City also complies with the Lead and Copper Rule, a federal regulation originally passed in the 1980's to ensure water suppliers monitor for and limit the amount of lead and copper in drinking water. The City performs lead and copper testing every 3 years in accordance with federal guidelines. Sampling results have consistently been below EPA action levels. Results are published in the Consumer Confidence Report which is updated annually and posted on the City web-site.

The next round of lead and copper sampling will occur in 2022. The project to replace lead service lines will also commence in 2022. If a property owner is aware of or suspects that they have a lead service line to their home or business,

please contact the City's Water Quality Bureau at (610) 865-7144 or dbeatty@bethlehem-pa.gov. The City will make every effort to include you on the replacement and/or sampling list.

Identifying Service Line Material

To identify the service line material in your home, follow these steps. You will need a small (refrigerator type) magnet. Locate the water meter in your basement or lowest level of your home. Look at the pipe that comes through the outside wall and connects to the water meter.

Note the color of the pipe and compare against the examples in the box to determine your service line material. If your service line is silver-gray, use the magnet to differentiate between lead and galvanized steel pipe. The magnet will stick to galvanized steel but not to lead.

Report your findings to the City of Bethlehem Water Quality Bureau.

There are other ways to check for lead piping. Look for an EPA recognized lead test kit at your local hardware or home improvement store or hire a licensed plumber to perform a pipe survey of your home.

Lead



A dull, silver-gray color that is easily scratched with a coin. Use a magnet - strong magnets will *not* cling to lead pipes.

Galvanized



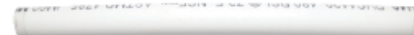
A dull, silver-gray color. Use a magnet - strong magnets *will* typically cling to galvanized pipes.

Copper



The color of a copper penny.

Plastic



White, rigid pipe.

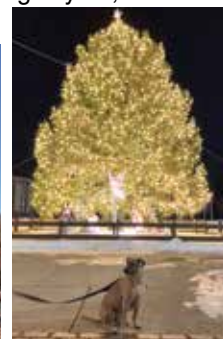
Brass



Dark reddish brown to a light silvery yellow color.
Older pipes may be corroded and may contain lead.

Christmas City in Search of Christmas Trees

The Citizens' Christmas City Committee is seeking donations of tall trees for the Christmas holiday season. The trees need to be nicely shaped, 40-50 feet in height, a single trunk all the way to the top and must be accessible to the roadway with no power lines between the tree and the road. The tree must be within no more than 7 miles of center city. City Electrician Greg Cryder, will come out to the location and inspect the tree for acceptability. We are also seeking the donation of a nicely shaped 16 – 20 foot tree. The deadline for donation is October 15th. The trees will be cut and collected on November 3rd. Donation of these trees will be recognized at the annual Christmas City Tree Lighting Ceremony, which will take place on Friday, November 19, 2021, at 4:30 p.m., on Payrow Plaza. Anyone wishing to donate a tree should call Greg Cryder or Chris Lenhart at (610) 865-7108. Please provide a return number and address in your message so we can find the tree.



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WHAT IS THE **BFAC?**



THE BETHLEHEM FINE ARTS COMMISSION is a non-profit voluntary organization that celebrates the importance of the arts in our city. Please join us as we offer a broad selection of free events throughout the year, like....

SUMMER CONCERTS



ART EXHIBITS



FESTIVALS

OUR UPCOMING EVENTS FOR FALL 2021 / SPRING 2022:

ROTUNDA GALLERY ART EXHIBITIONS*

Selected Artwork by:
David P. Richards &
Barbara Schulman



BFAC CURATED EXHIBITION
"nArRaTives: Combining Text and Art"
SEPTEMBER 23 to NOVEMBER 5
(RECEPTION: OCTOBER 3, 2 - 4 PM)

ANTHONY AND FLORENCE RODALE
Photography
NOVEMBER 10 to DECEMBER 17
(RECEPTION: NOVEMBER 14, 2 - 4 PM)

BETHLEHEM PALETTE CLUB
Members Exhibition
JANUARY 5 to FEBRUARY 13
(RECEPTION: FEBRUARY 13, 1 - 3 PM)

ELENA SHACKLETON
Paintings
FEBRUARY 16 to MARCH 29
(RECEPTION: FEBRUARY 20, 2 - 4 PM)

BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Student Exhibition
APRIL 3 to MAY 12
(RECEPTION: APRIL 3, 2 - 4 PM)

VIRTUAL SUMMER CONCERTS *

Listen to the full concerts from our recent Virtual Sculpture Garden Series on our website at:
www.bfac-lv.org

Tribe of Friends - High energy West Coast rock/jam
Big Wahu Caribbean Band - Reggae, Calypso, Beach
Ash and Snow - Acoustic with vocalist Ashley Godshall
Nakked Soul Band - Hot Funk and R & B
Red- Acoustic multi-instrumental power duo

ANNUAL DOWNTOWN BETHLEHEM FINE ART & CRAFT SHOW*

Held yearly over Mother's Day weekend, the sidewalk art show is a celebration of the finest regional artists. Over 80 juried artists participate in this two-day outdoor event along Main Street in the Historic Shopping District. Families can take part in our Children's Art Activities with fun interactive art projects & enjoy acoustic tunes by local musicians performing along the show route.

* EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE • FOR FURTHER DETAILS, GO TO: www.bfac-lv.org

Recycling

RECYCLING

CURBSIDE RECYCLING AND CURBSIDE YARD WASTE ARE NOW BEING PICKED UP ON THE SAME DAY

2021 FALL CURBSIDE YARD WASTE PICK-UP SCHEDULE

| RECYCLING PICK UP DAY | YARD WASTE PICK UP DAY |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 10/18/21 | 10/18/21 |
| 10/19/21 | 10/29/21 |
| 10/20/21 | 10/20/21 |
| 10/21/21 | 10/21/21 |
| 10/22/21 | 10/22/21 |
| 10/25/21 | 10/25/21 |
| 10/26/21 | 10/26/21 |
| 10/27/21 | 10/27/21 |
| 10/28/21 | 10/28/21 |
| 10/29/21 | 10/29/21 |



Here are the requirements:

- All materials must be placed CURBSIDE the night before your collection day.
- Only ONE pass-thru will be made for each street.
- All items must be in either BROWN PAPER BAGS, rigid containers of less than 30 gallons or bundled with string (no tape or rope).
- No items over 4 inches in diameter or 4 feet in length.
- Any materials in plastic bags will not be picked up.

RECYCLING

CURBSIDE RECYCLING AND CHRISTMAS TREES ARE NOW PICKED UP ON THE SAME DAY

2021 CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP SCHEDULE

| RECYCLING PICK UP DAY | CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP DAY |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 01/10/22 | 01/10/22 |
| 01/11/22 | 01/11/22 |
| 01/12/22 | 01/12/22 |
| 01/13/22 | 01/13/22 |
| 01/14/22 | 01/14/22 |
| 01/17/22 | 01/17/22 |
| 01/18/22 | 01/18/22 |
| 01/19/22 | 01/19/22 |
| 01/20/22 | 01/20/22 |
| 01/21/22 | 01/21/22 |

All trees must be free of decorations, lights and tree stands. Please place your tree at the curb the night before your designated day. Tree will NOT be picked up if it is in a bag.



Materials Accepted for Fall Curbside Pickup

Leaves, small brush, hedge and shrub trimmings, Christmas trees free of tinsel, decorations and lights. Christmas trees must not be in plastic bags.

Materials NOT Accepted Fall Curbside Pickup

Grass clippings, hay, straw, tree stumps, root balls, plastic bags, soil, dirt, sod, mulch bamboo, ornamental grass

Bethlehem Yard Waste Facility

1480 Schoenersville Road • Monday – Saturday: 9 am to 3 pm, Sunday: Closed
FACILITY IS CLOSED DURING THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER, FEBRUARY & MARCH

Materials Accepted: Leaves (loose or in brown paper bags), small brush up to 4" diameter (no longer than 6'), hedge trimmings, garden plant residue, Christmas trees (free of ornaments and tinsel).

Not Accepted: Sod, grass clippings, tree stumps, plastic bags, soil / mulch, root balls, bamboo.

No Dumping: Dumping is illegal and violators will be fined according to City Ordinances.

Please note: All loads must be tarped when entering or exiting the facility.

Loading Service: \$10 per cubic yard. *Pickup trucks can no longer be self-loaded. There is a limit of 3- 30 gallon containers that may be self-loaded.*

Please Note: Materials may only be dropped off when the Center is open and operating. Only QUALIFIED RESIDENTS and property owners within the City of Bethlehem may drop off materials at the Yard Waste Facility. You must show a valid driver's license and compost card on every drop-off trip.

Recycling

Theis/Cornfeld Recycling Center

Materials Accepted: Mixed office paper, junk mail, magazines/shiny paper, hard & soft cover books, cardboard, flat board, telephone books, scrap metals, aluminum, appliances, plastics #1 thru #7, glass bottles & jars, cans, used clothing and certain types of styrofoam.

Please Note: We CANNOT accept the following items: pressurized tanks / paint cans (empty or full) / electronics/plastic bags.

The Theis/Cornfeld Recycling Center may unexpectedly close if one of the following events occur: The real feel temperature exceeds 100 degrees in the summer; falls below 0 degrees in the winter or there is lightning in the vicinity. Please feel free to call our office (610) 865-7082 with any questions or inquiries regarding unexpected closures.

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2022 Holiday Collection Schedule

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

| Holiday | Collection Date |
|------------------|------------------------|
| New Year's Day | Holiday is on Saturday |
| Memorial Day | 5/30 Sat. 6/4 |
| Independence Day | 7/4 Sat. 7/9 |
| Labor Day | 9/5 Sat. 9/10 |
| Thanksgiving Day | 11/24 Sat. 11/26 |
| Christmas Day | Holiday is on Sunday |

| JANUARY | | | | | | | FEBRUARY | | | | | | | MARCH | | | | | | |
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| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 27 | 28 | | | | | | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |
| 30 | 31 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | |
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| Recycling Dept | (610) 865-7082 |
| Police House Sgt..... | (610) 865-7179 |
| Pothole Hotline | (610) 865-7087 |
| Graffiti Hotline..... | (610) 865-7065 |
| Construction and Permitting | (610) 865-7091 |
| Recreation Department | (610) 865-7081 |
| Community & Economic Dev..... | (610) 865-7085 |
| EMS / Fire / Police Emergency | 911 |

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